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SUBJECT: PREINVESTMENT SURVEYS IN BANGLADESH

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(E) USDOC (OIFI) OM JULY 31 TO DACCA

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES FULL RUNDOWN GIVEN REF A ON OPIC CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION BY COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING, CAMBRIDGE, FOR FINANCING PREINVESTMENT SURVEY HERE ON RADIO/TV SET ASSEMBLY PLANT. UNDERSTAND AND AGREE COMPLETELY WITH OPIC POSITION.

2. OPIC POSITS ACTUAL EXTENSION PREINVESTMENT-SURVEY FINANCING TO ELIGIBLE US COMPANY ON PROJECT HERE, UPON PROGRESS TOWARD CONCLUDING BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH BDG ON EXTENSION WHOLE RANGE OPIC FACILITIES. IN REF B - NOT CITE IN REF A - EMBASSY HAD REPORTED SOME PROGRESS WITHIN BDG TOWARDS CONSIDERATION OF COMPENSATION CLAIMS FROM FOREIGN COMPANIES FOR NATIONALIZED ASSETS. AS INDICATED EARLIER IN REF C, EMBASSY AND VISITING OPIC REPRESENTATIVE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY THAT SOME PROGRESS BE SHOWN ON COMPENSATION ISSUE BEFORE NEGOTIATION BILATERAL MIGHT BE

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PROPOSED.

3. EMBASSY HAD HOPED TO MOVE THIS MATTER FORWARD THROUGH EVOLUTION BELBAGCO CASE AND IN REF B HAD RECOMMENDED EARLY PRESENTATION OF CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR NATIONALIZED BELBAGCO ASSETS. BDG HAS NOT HEARD FURTHER FROM BELBAGCO ITSELF, NOR HAS EMBASSY. WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ANY ACTION BY BELBAGCO IN US OR NEGOTIATION BETWEEN IT & OPIC.

4. IN SEPTTEL, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT BDG POLICY ON COMPENSATION IS CRYSTALIZING AND THERE MAY BE SHORTLY A BASIS UPON WHICH WE MIGHT CONSIDER PROPOSING AN OPIC BILATERAL WITH BDG. WE WOULD FURTHER SUGGEST THAT THIS REPRESENTS SOME PROGRESS TOWARDS OBJECTIVE OF SUCH A BILATERAL AND SO MIGHT FULFILL PRECONDITION OPIC HAS SET ON EXTENDING PREINVESTMENT-SURVEY FINANCING TO POSSIBLE US INVESTOR HERE.

5. WE HAVE NOTHING FURTHER OF SUBSTANCE TO DISCLOSE RE COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING PROJECT. HOWEVER, AS REPORTED REF D AND PREVIOUS, MANSFIELD TIRE HAS SHOWN SOME INTEREST IN CONSIDERING INVESTMENT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC SECTOR BANGLADESH FERTILIZER, CHEMICALS & PHARMACEUTICALS CORP., TO SET UP TIRE FACTORY HERE. IN LETTER DATED JUL 13 (REF E), MANSFIELD WROTE BFCPC THAT THEY WILLING TO UNDERTAKE FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH ASSISTANCE FROM MADRAS RUBBER FACTORY (IN WHICH MANSFIELD HAS INTEREST) FOR MUTUALLY AGREED FEE. BFCPC HAS RESPONDED IT WOULD BE WILLING TO PICK UP LOCAL COST IN SUCH STUDY. MANSFIELD HAS SO FAR NOT REACTED.

4;6.87\* DOLLAR FINANCING OF STUDY A DETERRENT TO MANSFIELD - AS IT APPEARS TO BE - EMBASSY WONDERS WHETHER OPIC WOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING FINANCING IN LIGHT AFOREDESCRIBED PROGRESS TOWARD ULTIMATE BILATERAL, IF SO, REQUEST THAT OPIC INDICATE THE

WILLINGNESS TO MANSFIELD. EMBASSY BELIEVE POSSIBILITY RPT POSSIBILITY THAT BASIS EXISTS HERE FOR JOINT VENTURE IN BEST INTERESTS US AND BANGLADESH AND WOULD LIKE FACILITATE MANSFIELD'S COMING OUT HERE TO DETERMINE POTENTIAL.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE STATEMENT OPIC POSITION ON PREINVESTMENT SURVEYS BANGLADESH IN LIGHT OF ABOVE AND, IF FAVORABLE, WHETHER OPIC WOULD BE WILL TO TAKE INITIATIVE OF CONTACTING MANSFIELD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND INFORMING IT OF EXISTENCE SUCH FACILITIES HERE.  
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